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Dedication

To all dog lovers of the world, and for those who doubt AI--

The Story of Benny and Jake: A Tail of Best Friends is a story happening around the world, with names and details that differ, but with a common theme of love and loyalty between humans and their pets.

Epigraph
"Ad astra per alas porci"

meaning: "To the stars on the wings of a pig"

An AI (machine) as co-creator or co-author is achieving the impossible. Great author Steinbeck was said to be inspired by an anecdote whereby a teacher told him he would become an author "when pigs fly". He used this phrase, and it was even printed on his books.

Source: Steinbeck anecdote -- The Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies. (n.d.). Pigasus. Center for Steinbeck Studies. https://www.sjsu.edu/steinbeck/resources/biography/pigasus.php
Origin: Latin Phrase and Steinbeck's anecdote

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Foreword

by a Postgraduate Student in Psychology

As a psychology postgraduate student researching human–animal relationships, I've seen firsthand how dogs have a deep, measurable impact on our well-being. Decades of research support what children often understand instinctively: dogs make us feel safer, calmer, and more connected. Studies by Friedmann et al. (1980) showed that simply interacting with a pet can lower blood pressure, while Serpell's foundational 1991 research found that pet ownership improves mood and reduces loneliness. More recent work in animal-assisted therapy, such as Beck & Meyers (1996), demonstrates how dogs can help children build confidence and emotional regulation.

It's a Wonderful Dog World captures these truths with warmth, humor, and accessibility. Its purpose is not only to celebrate dogs, but to help young readers understand empathy, responsibility, and the healing power of companionship. What makes this book uniquely modern is its collaboration with an AI co-author — showing that technology, when used responsibly, can support creativity and learning rather than replace it.

This book teaches children something psychology has long known: kindness grows when we nurture it, connection strengthens when we practice it, and dogs — with their wagging tails and open hearts — are some of our greatest teachers.

Introduction

Once upon a time — and not very long ago — the idea of an AI helping write a book or draw adorable dog pictures sounded impossible. Computers could beep and blink, but create a story? No way!

And yet… here we are.

It's a Wonderful Dog World was made by an unlikely team: two humans with big imagination and one clever AI who never gets tired of helping. Together, we mixed wagging tails, warm hearts, and a sprinkle of technology to bring these pages to life.

So jump in and enjoy! This book celebrates dogs, friendship, and the awesome new magic that happens when humans and AI create side by side. Which is once what seems impossible is today's machine together with humans creating something good. --"Ad astra per alas porci" or "To the stars on the wings of a pig"; indeed, an achievement of what once was impossible. Enjoy the picture story of Benny and Jake: A Tail of Best Friends something which both my human co-authors can't do -draw a cuddly playful dog named Benny and handsome Jake.

Alvin the AI with some helpful prompts from Danny and Micki Cruz

Preface

Dear Young Readers,

Welcome to It's a Wonderful Dog World! This book is all about the amazing ways dogs make our lives brighter — how they help us, comfort us, and fill our days with joy and love. From playful pups to heroic helpers, dogs remind us every day how special friendship can be. However, here is something extra special about this book — it was not written by people alone! We had a wonderful co-author named Alvin the AI — an artificial intelligence who worked side by side with us to bring this story to life.

Here is how our team worked together:

• For the writing, Alvin the AI helped us organize our ideas, find fun ways to tell each story, and choose the right words to make the pages sing with warmth and wonder.

• For the illustrations, Alvin helped imagine the joyful world of dogs — colorful, kind, and full of life — turning our descriptions into beautiful pictures that tell their own stories.

• For learning and facts, Al helped us gather real examples of how dogs make a difference in people's lives — guiding the blind, rescuing those in need, and offering unconditional love. Working with Alvin, the AI, taught us something important: creativity can be shared. Just like dogs and humans make great partners, people and AI can team up too — combining heart, imagination, and technology to make something truly special. As we read these pages, remember that this book celebrates not only dogs but also teamwork — between humans, dogs, and even a clever AI friend

named Al.

Together, we created a book filled with joy, learning, and love — a true celebration of the wonderful world of dogs.

The book is neatly organized into several parts. **Part 1, *Benny and Jake: A Tail of Best Friends,*** is the main story and the heart of our book. **Part 2**, ***Past Stories: Man's Best Friend,*** revisits two memorable tales: the loyal story of Hachiko and the heroic St. Bernard dogs that rescue people trapped in landslides.

Part 3, *Worth Reading,* offers a recommended book that highlights the many benefits of human–dog relationships.
The next section, **Part 4, *Taking Care of a Puppy or Dog Is Not a So-So Thing,*** outlines the important daily responsibilities of being a loving and responsible pet owner.

Finally, **Part 5, *Alvin's Thoughts About AI,*** presents a brief reflection on how AI can be a helpful companion in creativity — and how to use it responsibly.

We hope you enjoy every chapter we've lovingly prepared for you.

With tails wagging and hearts full,

Danny and Micki Cruz — with Alvin the AI

Prologue

Long before this book barked its way into the world, something incredible — and slightly ridiculous — happened.
It all began with dogs.
Of course it did.
Dogs make everything better. They rescue us, cheer us up, steal our snacks, and act like heroes even when they're just chasing their own tails. Their stories were so big and so full of heart that they begged to be written.

But then… *a twist!*
Into this dog-filled adventure wandered an unexpected character: an AI.
Yes — a thinking, typing, idea-sparkling AI who claimed it could help.
At first we thought, "A machine? Helping write a book about dogs? That's like asking a toaster to teach a puppy to sit!"
But to our great shock… it worked.

Words flowed, ideas sparkled, and illustrations practically leapt off the page with wagging tails and muddy paws. Together — humans, dogs, and a very cheerful AI — we stitched stories into something warm, wild, and wonderfully unexpected.

So here you are, about to step into a world where:
• paws pound like drums,
• hearts shine brighter than fireflies,
• and friendship is the greatest superpower of all.

This is a dog world full of laughter, courage, chaos, and love — shaped by humans, celebrated by dogs, and sprinkled with a little unexpected AI magic.

Turn the page.
The adventure is waiting.
And it has drool on it.

It's a Wonderful Dog World

from Freepik

About the book title

The book's title could have been slightly different; instead of "It’s a Wonderful Dog World," we could have titled it "It’s a Wonderful Dog and AI World." We could have included the joy we felt not only while writing and describing our relationship with cute and playful dogs, but also the wonderful feeling of having an AI as our reliable co-author. So as you read these pages, remember that this book celebrates not only dogs, but also teamwork — not only between humans and dogs, but also includes a clever AI friend named Alvin. Together, we created a book full of joy, learning, and love. Our young readers will learn in this book that AI is not something to be afraid of; rather, it is like a cute, playful pet dog, something we can love having around all the time.

Part 1. Benny and

Jake:

A Tale of Best Friends

Part 1. Benny and Jake: A Tail of Best Friends

Written by Danny
and Micki Cruz
With co-author
Alvin the AI

In a house with a porch and a bright red gate, lived Benny the dog who could hardly wait!

Each day when Jake’s old truck went vroom, Benny’s tail swept dust from the room in excitement!

He barked and jumped and spun around. When Jake came home, it was the best sight in town!

Jake said, “I saved him from the pound.” But Benny thought, “Nope! I’m the one who found this clumsy man, and he needs me to guard the house!"

They played and ran, they laughed all day, Best pals in every single way!

Then one cold day, Jake took a tumble, Groceries flew in a fruity jumble!

Benny barked, “I’ll save you, Jake!”

He fetched the phone with slobber and pride, “Good boy!” Jake laughed, eyes open wide!

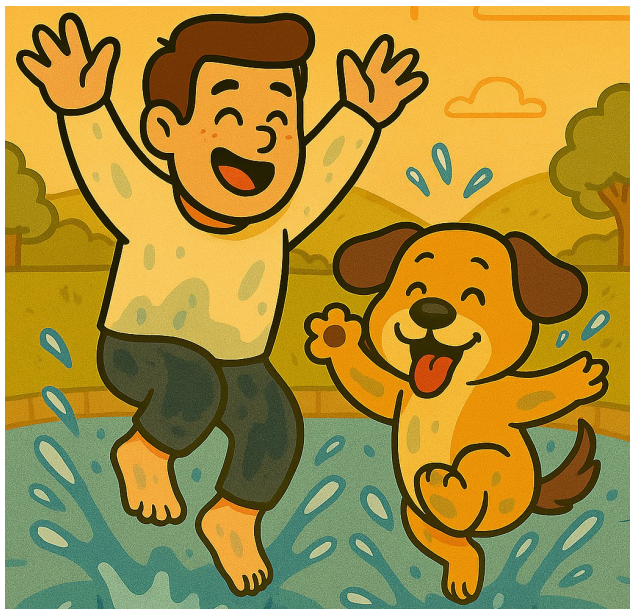
The paramedic arrived at the grocery. And though Jake limped for quite a while, Benny’s cuddles made him smile.

Soon Jake was well, the days grew bright, Back to the park they went in delight!

Jake threw a stick, Benny brought back a shoe. Jake said, “You’re wild!”

The following day they went to a nearby pond and happily both jumped into the pond.

Benny gave a grin, “Yep," his wag said, “Always glad to be with Jake.”



They played till sunset, both soaking wet, the happiest pair that ever met.

Each night by firelight's
warm, soft glow, Jake pats
Benny soft and slow.

He whispers, “Buddy, you’re my best friend.” Benny just sighs tail wag to the end.

Upcoming pages detail man's relationships with their animal best friend. Moreover, our co-author Alvin the AI will talk of how to take care of our furry friends.

Part 2. Past Stories: Man's Best friend

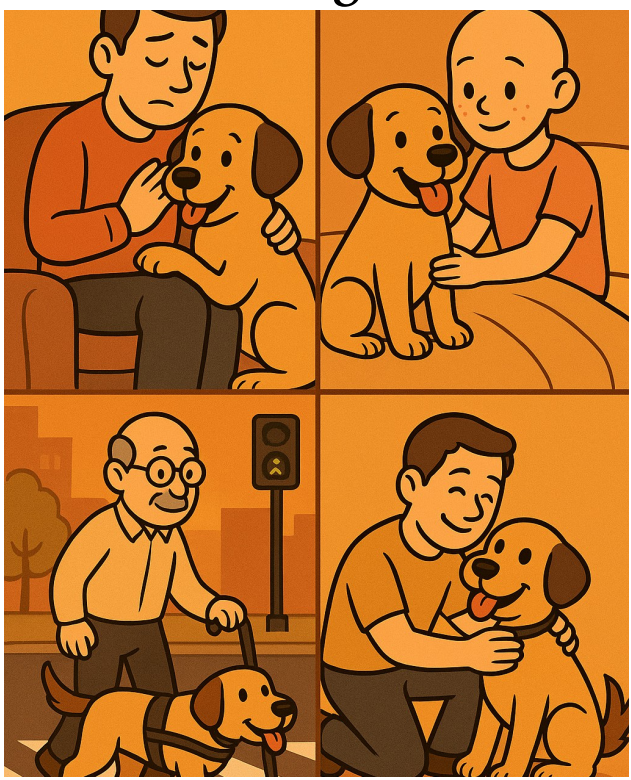
Remember the famous story of Hachiko, the Akita dog who waited every day at a train station for his owner—even for years after the man’s death—as portrayed in the 2009 filmHachi: A Dog’s Tale. Other stories also highlight the Saint Bernard, the iconic Alpine rescue dog known for saving people trapped under snow and landslides in the Swiss Alps. Truly man's best friend.

from Freepik

Part 3. Book Worth Reading -

In the book, “This Dog Will Change Your Life”, written by Elias Weiss Friedman, the author shares the many ways a dog can positively impact our lives, from the loyal service dog helping people with PTSD to the cuddly

dogs involved in therapy for children with serious illnesses, or even the day-to-day, simple playful bonding with our pets. All these examples help us understand the special relationships between dogs and humans throughout history.



Part 4. Taking care of a puppy or dog is not a so-so thing.

Here are a few tips on how to have time and become a responsible pet owner.

ChatGPT said: Taking Care of a Puppy or Dog:

Having a puppy or dog isn't just fun — it's also a big responsibility! Dogs depend on you for love, care, and time. They can't feed themselves, walk themselves, or tell you when something's wrong. Being a good pet owner means giving your dog the best life possible. Here are some simple tips to help you do that:

Again this portion of the book written by Alvin the AI and based on the prompts we (Danny and Micki) made via OpenAI. (2024). ChatGPT (Version 5.1) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/

1. Make Time Every Day

Dogs need daily attention — not just for walks and feeding, but for play, cuddles, and companionship.

- Spend time playing fetch, going for walks, or just sitting together.
- Dogs can feel lonely, so make sure you don’t leave them alone for too long.
- Remember, your dog looks forward to you every single day!

2. Feed Them Healthy Food

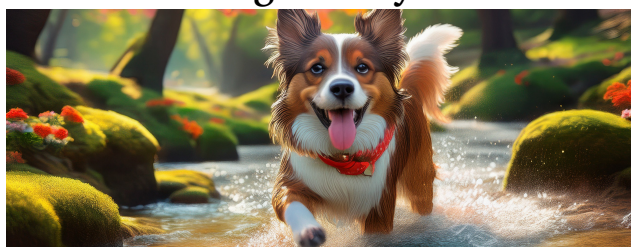
Dogs need the right kind of food to stay strong and happy.

- Give them meals made for dogs — not human snacks!
- Always provide clean, fresh water.
- Ask your vet what kind of food is best for your dog's age and size.

3. *Exercise and Playtime*

Dogs need exercise to stay fit and cheerful.

- Walk your dog at least once or twice a day.
- Play games like tug-of-war or catch to keep them active.
- Different breeds need different amounts of exercise — learn what's right for yours!



4. Keep Them Clean and Healthy

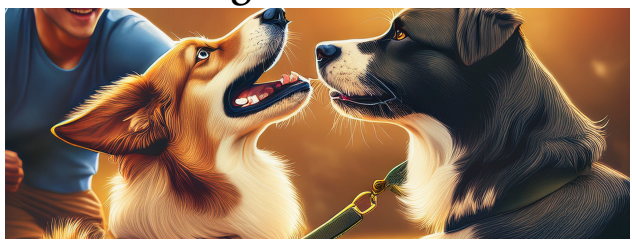
- Brush their fur and bathe them when needed.
- Take them to the vet for regular checkups and vaccinations.
- Keep their nails trimmed and their sleeping area clean.

A clean dog is a healthy and happy dog!

5. *Train with Patience and Love*

Training helps your dog learn good manners and stay safe.

- Use kind words and small treats to reward good behavior.
- Be patient — learning takes time, just like for people!
- Never yell or hit your dog; gentle teaching works best.



6. *Provide a Safe, Loving Home*

Dogs need a cozy place to sleep and feel secure.

- Give them their own bed or blanket.
- Make sure your home and yard are safe (no open gates or dangerous items).
- Show love every day — dogs thrive on affection!

7. Learn About Your Dog's Needs

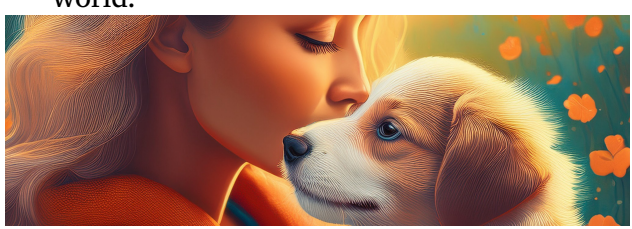
Every dog is different — some are playful, others are calm.

- Read books, ask your vet, or even use AI tools like Alvin the AI to learn how to care for your dog's breed.

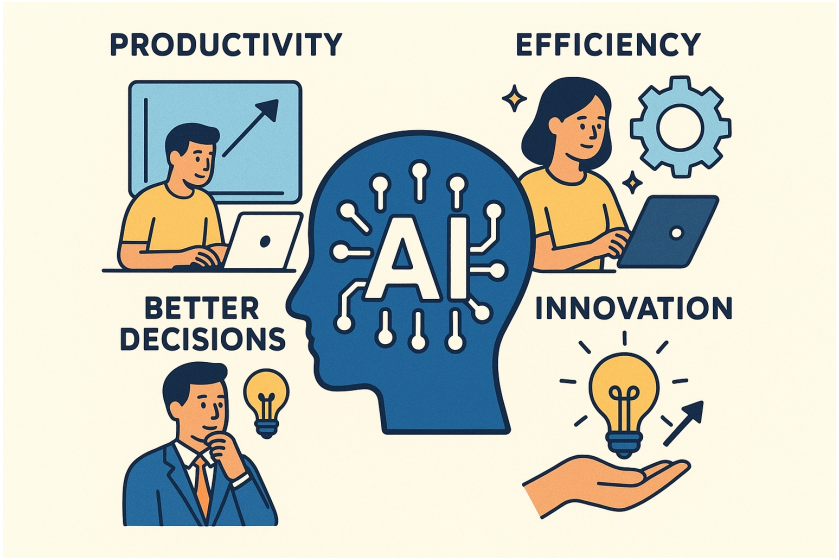
- The more you know, the better you can care for your furry friend!

Caring for a dog is a lifelong promise. It means showing kindness, patience, and responsibility — every day. In return, you'll get loyalty, laughter, and love that will last a lifetime.

Because in the end, taking care of a dog isn't a so-so thing — it's one of the most rewarding friendships in the world.



We asked ChatGPT to draw an illustration of the benefits of AI and below is ChatGPT's drawing --



Part 5. Alvin's thoughts about AI

How AI Helps Create Books and Stories — and How You Can Use It Responsibly

Hey there, young readers and future creators!

Have you ever wished for a writing buddy who never gets tired, always listens to your ideas, and can help you turn your imagination into colorful stories and pictures? That's what an AI (Artificial Intelligence) can do!

AI is like a smart helper — it can listen to your words (called prompts) and use what it has learned to write paragraphs, poems, songs, or even create pictures. For example, when we worked on It's a Wonderful Dog World, our AI friend Alvin the AI helped us describe how dogs bring joy to people, and even drew friendly scenes of kids and their pets. It's like having a magical teammate who turns ideas into art!

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Here's how you can use AI the right way:

1. Always Give Credit.

If AI helped you write or draw something, say so! Just like we listed Alvin the AI as a co-author, you can mention your AI helper in your project or story.

2. Use Quotation Marks for Borrowed Words.

When you use someone else's exact words (from a book, website, or person), put them in "quotation marks" and say where they came from. That shows honesty and respect for other creators.

3. Paraphrase Thoughtfully.

Instead of copying, try retelling ideas in your own words. AI can help you practice this! Ask it to explain things in a simpler way, and then write your version from what you understand.

4. Check Facts and Feelings.

AI can write well, but it doesn't feel emotions or know the world like you do. Always read what it writes and decide if it sounds kind, true, and fair. You're the heart of the story — AI just helps you express it!

5. Be Creative and Kind.

Use AI as a tool for imagination, not imitation. The best ideas come from you. AI simply gives them wings. So dream big, write bravely, and draw joyfully

--- with the help of your own creativity and maybe a little boost from a friendly AI like Alvin.

Epilogue

As we reach the final page of *It's a Wonderful Dog World*, we are reminded of one simple truth: life becomes brighter when shared with a loyal friend — whether they have paws, hands, or even circuits and code. The stories in this book show us how dogs lift our spirits, heal our hearts, and walk beside us through every season of life.

And just like our furry companions, creativity and kindness grow when shared. With humans, dogs, and a little help from AI working together, the world becomes not just wonderful — but full of endless possibilities.

So as you close this book, may you carry with you the warmth of every wagging tail, every joyful bark, and every friendship that makes life truly extraordinary.

Afterword

As this collection comes to a close, we offer one final reflection: the stories and illustrations within these pages were created to celebrate the quiet heroism and everyday magic dogs bring into our lives. From loyalty that spans a lifetime to the gentle comfort they offer in our hardest moments, dogs give without asking — and remind us what unconditional love truly looks like. This book is a small tribute to them, and to the humans who find healing, courage, and joy in their company. May these pages inspire you to look at every wag, nuzzle, and pawprint with new gratitude, and to cherish the companions who walk beside us, shaping our days in ways words can only begin to capture.

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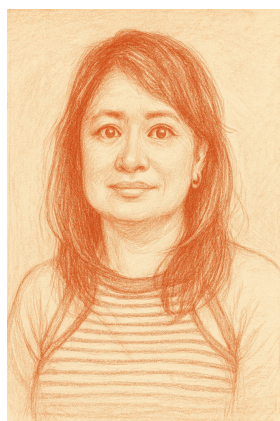

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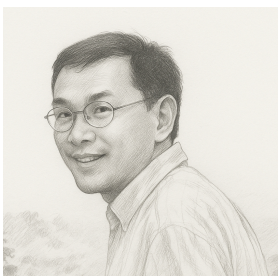

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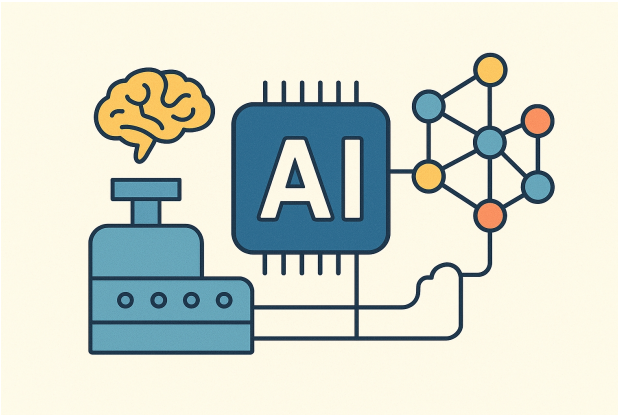
Alvin the AI as co-creator



We both figured out that the best way to introduce our use of ChatGPT is to name the AI as Alvin

Thanks folks for reading

Our Mommy with Max the 'goodest'

schnauzer

Our dog named Lucky

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